

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. N. Alex Bickley
City Attorney

January 23, 1970

Subject: Request from Mr. John Kinney
State Archives

At your request, Director Heath contacted by telephone Mr. John Kinney, Director, State Archives of Texas, Austin, Texas, relative to the release of information contained in the twenty volumes, "Texas Supplemental Report on the Assassination of President Kennedy and the Wounding of Governor Connally".

Mr. Kinney stated that the materials contained in these volumes were the work files of the Dallas Police Department which had been forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General to complete his investigation into this matter. On the completion of the Attorney General's investigation, these files were sent to the State Archives in October of 1964. Mr. Kinney stated that he contacted Mr. Nels White, First Assistant Attorney General, in regard to this matter. Mr. White stated that since these reports were not the work files of the State Attorney General's Office that any request that they be withheld from public examination must be made by us.

Mr. Kinney stated that this was a telephone conversation with Mr. White and that he does not know of any state law, other than general public policy, by which we could withhold this information from the public.

Mr. Kinney further stated that he could withhold this information for a reasonable time until some decision was made by the City of Dallas relative to the matter. Mr. Kinney also stated that of the twenty volumes only Volume Fourteen appeared to contain any information that was not already a matter of public record. Volume Fourteen, however, consists of a number of inquiries and investigations made by the Dallas Police Department of persons who were thought to have known or associated with participants in the assassination. The majority of these people had, in fact, no connection, directly or indirectly with the matter, and Mr. Kinney is of the opinion that this particular volume should not be released to the public under any circumstances since it involved the questioning of persons who, in fact, proved to be innocent.

I would therefore like your recommendation as to what we may do to withhold this material from public examination at this time.

Frank Dyson
Chief of Police

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In reply, please
refer to:

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January 23, 1970

Mr. John Kinney
Director
State Archives of Texas
Drawer DD, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Kinney:

With reference to the release of the information contained in the twenty volumes entitled "Texas Supplementary Report on the Assassination of President Kennedy and the Wounding of Governor Connally," I do not desire that the information contained in these reports be released to the public at this time.

I am advising Mr. N. Alex Bickley, City Attorney of Dallas, of this problem and will contact you as soon as Mr. Bickley's opinion can be obtained.

Very truly yours,

Frank Dymon
Chief of Police

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1-27-70
City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: W. F. Dyson, Chief of Police

January 26, 1970

Subject: Request from Mr. John Kinney
State Archives

Based upon your memorandum of January 23rd, I am of the opinion that there will be no harm done in releasing all of those volumes which already have become a matter of public record, with the exception of Volume 14. Under no circumstances should Volume 14 be released because it might implicate many people who would be embarrassed by it and who could be publicly accused or implicated with no factual basis.

On this premise I would suggest that you notify Mr. John Kinney of our decision. If you want the letter to go from here, I will be glad to write it, because we cannot let this one volume out.

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N. Alex Bickley
N. ALEX BICKLEY
City Attorney

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. N. Alex Bickley
City Attorney

January 29, 1970

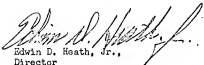
Subject: Dallas Police File
Matter in the State
of Texas Archives

Chief Dyson has requested that you write Mr. John Kinney, Director of the State Archives of Texas, relative to withholding Volume 14 of the "Texas Supplemental Report on the Assassination of President Kennedy and the Wounding of Governor Connally".

I telephoned Mr. Kinney this date and informed him that you would write.

His address is as follows:

Honorable John Kinney
Director, State Archives of Texas
Drawer DD, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas


Edwin D. Heath, Jr.,
Director
Legal Liaison Division

EDH:st

February 6, 1970

Honorable John Kinney
Director, State Archives of Texas
Drawer DD, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Kinney:

This is to advise you that Volume 14 of the "Texas Supplemental Report on the Assassination of President Kennedy and the Wounding of Governor Connally" contains matters of investigation that are not yet made matters of public record.

It involves police matters that should not be released to the public because of the innocent persons that might become involved and the sources of information that might be revealed and affect investigation.

In view of these facts, it would be against public interest for this volume to be released and would certainly be detrimental to the Police Department of the City of Dallas.

You are hereby requested to keep this volume as a matter of confidential information.

Very truly yours,


N. ALEX/BICKLEY
City Attorney

NAB/w
cc:

Edwin D. Heath, Jr.
Director, Legal Liaison Division
City of Dallas Police Department

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February 11, 1970

Mr. N. Alex Bickley
City Attorney
Municipal Building
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Bickley:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 6th in which you requested that Volume 14 of the "Texas Supplemental Report on the Assassination of Pres. Kennedy and the Wounding of Governor Connally" not be released to the public for the time being.

We will be happy to abide by your request.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Kinney
Director, Archives Division

JMK:dkf
cc: Edwin D. Heath, Jr.
Director, Legal Liaison Division
City of Dallas Police Department